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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

	financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
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ither the company nor any partner, proprie	tor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
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DAVID L. STANDEN, Notary Public	Signature
State of Ohio, Lorain County  My Commission Expires April 28, 2009	President
David L. Stank	Title
Notary Public	Thomas M West
nis report ** contains (check all applicable l	boxes): Chief Financial Officer
(a) Facing Page.	
(b) Statement of Financial Condition. (c) Statement of Income (Loss).	
(c) Statement of Income (Loss). (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Co	ondition
	s' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities S	
(g) Computation of Net Capital.	
	eserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
	on or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
	ate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
	I and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods
consolidation.	
(1) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Re	

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

**FORM X-17A-5** 

**PART III** 

**DECEMBER 31, 2004** 

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To the Stockholders Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio

#### Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2004, and the related statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition of Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Hausser + Taylor LLC

Cleveland, Ohio January 12, 2005



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## PART III

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

## December 31, 2004

<u>ASSETS</u>	Allowable	Non-Allowable	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$834,337	\$ -	\$ 834,337
Other assets: Accounts receivable	<del></del>	205,839	205,839
Total assets	\$834,337	\$205,839	\$1,040,176
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	A.I. Liabilities	Non-A.I. Liabilities	Total
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued expenses	\$ 460 15,000	\$ - 	\$ 460 15,000
Total liabilities	\$ 15,460	<u> </u>	15,460
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Common stock, without par value Authorized – 1,500 shares	•		
Issued and outstanding – 800 shares Additional paid-in-capital Retained earnings			15,000 23,248 986,468
Total stockholders' equity			1,024,716
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity			\$1,040,176

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## PART III

## STATEMENT OF INCOME

Year Ended December 31, 2004

REVENUE Fee income	\$14,729,795		
Interest income	4,154	\$14	,733,949
EXPENSES			
Management fees	14,671,000		
Professional service fees	14,420		
Dues	15,861		
Finders' fees	4,058		
Education and training	5,006		
Memberships and licenses	15,000		
Insurance	2,057		
Outside services	229		
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>7</u> 11		
Total expenses		14,	,728,342
NET INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES			5,607
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES			33
NET INCOME		\$	5,574

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## PART III

## STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Year Ended December 31, 2004

**BALANCE - BEGINNING** \$1,019,142 **ADDITION** 5,574 Net income \$1,024,716

BALANCE - ENDING

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## PART III

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended December 31, 2004

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net income  Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:  Decrease in accounts receivable Decrease in account payable Total adjustments Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 49,013 (50,000)	\$	5,574 (987) 4,587
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			4,587
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		_8:	29,750
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		\$8	34,337
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: Cash paid during the year for: Local income taxes	•	\$	33

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#### **PART III**

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Organization and Operation Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. was incorporated on July 29, 1991 under the name of BG Securities, Inc. The name was later changed to Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. The Company conducts an investment banking business and acts as agent in securities transactions with qualified institutional investors. Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. is a registered broker dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the NASD and the State of Ohio Division of Securities.
- B. Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- C. Cash and Cash Equivalents The Company considers short-term mutual funds to be cash equivalents. The Company places its temporary cash investments with high credit quality financial institutions, which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits.
- D. Accounts Receivable The Company extends unsecured credit to customers under normal trade agreements which generally require payment within 30 days. The Company has not provided an allowance for doubtful accounts. The Company uses the direct write-off method to record bad debts. Based upon management's review of delinquent accounts and an assessment of the Company's historical evidence of collections, this method does not differ significantly from the allowance method. There were no bad debts for the years ended December 31, 2004.
- E. Fee Income Fee income from retainers is primarily earned when received. Most other fee income is contingent upon the realization of predetermined contractual results; consequently, these fees are recognized when the earning process is complete and income is realized.
- F. Income Taxes Effective April 1, 1996, the Company has elected to be taxed under the provisions of subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. Under these provisions, the Company does not pay federal or state corporate income taxes on its taxable income. Instead, the stockholders are liable for individual federal and state income taxes on their respective shares of the Company's taxable income. The Company is responsible for local income taxes.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Note 2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

At December 31, 2004, the Company had accounts receivable of \$5,000 due from a stockholder and accounts payable totaling \$460 due to a former stockholder. The Company also incurred management fees of \$14,671,000 in 2004 from Brown Gibbons, Lang & Company, L.P., an affiliate related through common ownership.

#### Note 3. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 (and the rule of the "applicable" exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2004, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$782,591 and \$5,000, respectively. At December 31, 2004, the Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was .02 to 1.

#### Note 4. REPORT DISCLOSURE

Part IIA of the Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. Focus Report (Form X-17A-5), dated December 31, 2004, to the Securities and Exchange Commission is available for examination and copying at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, and at the Chicago, Illinois, regional office of the Commission.



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To the Stockholders Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated January 12, 2005. Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained on pages 11 through 12 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Hausser + Taylor LLC

Cleveland, Ohio January 12, 2005



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## PART III

## **COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

# December 31, 2004

Total stockholders' equity from statement of financial condition Deductions and/or charges:		\$1,024,716
Total non-allowable assets from statement of financial condition Haircuts on securities	\$205,839 36,286	242,125
Net capital		\$ 782,591

## RECONCILIATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)(4)

December 31, 2004

Net capital per unaudited broker-dealer computation	\$ 782,591
Adjustments	
Net capital per audited computation above	\$ 782,591

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#### **PART III**

#### COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

#### December 31, 2004

Minimum net capital requirement	\$ 1,030
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	\$ 5,000
Net capital requirement	\$ 5,000
Excess net capital	<u>\$777,591</u>
Excess net capital at 1000%	<u>\$781,045</u>

#### **COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS**

December 31, 2004

Total A.I. Liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition	<u>\$ 15,460</u>
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>2%</u>

#### CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION PROVISION UNDER RULE 15c3-3

December 31, 2004

(k)(2)(A) – Broker deals primarily in arranging private placements of debt and equity for corporate issuers, principally with institutional purchasers, carries no margin accounts, and does not hold funds or securities for customers.



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To the Stockholders Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Brown, Gibbons, Lang & Company Securities, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2004 we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons.
- 2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.



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Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2004 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies which rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Hausser + Taylor LCC

Cleveland, Ohio January 12, 2005